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SUBJECT: ICNAF; ITALIAN POSITION

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION (LESS
COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) OF ITALIAN NOTE VERBALE 079/16977
(15 SEPT 1975) OUTLINING ITALIAN POSITION AT FORTHCOMING
ICNAF MEETING:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO
REFER TO THE MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE PROPOSALS FORMULATED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE REDUCTION
OF FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE ICNAF ZONES ALONG THE UNITED
STATES COAST.

"IN THIS REGARD THE ITALIAN SIDE IS IN FAVOR OF ICNAF'S
ADOPTION OF MEASURES INTENDED TO FAVOR THE CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING RESOURCES IN THE WESTERN
NORTH ATLANTIC.

"NATURALLY, IN THE PROCESS OF REGULATING SUCH A DELICATE
MATTER IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BEAR IN MIND THAT SPECIFIC
SITUATION REGARDING EACH COUNTRY AND, IN PARTICULAR, THAT
THE MEASURES EVENTUALLY ADOPTED FOR THE REDUCTION OF
FISHING ACTIVITY SHOULD BE IN PROPORTION TO THE IMPORTANCE
OF THAT ACTIVITY TO EACH ICNAF MEMBER EXERCISING IT.

"IN THIS PERSPECTIVE IT SEEMS OPPORTUNE AT THIS TIME TO
REMEMBER THAT ITALIAN FISHING ACTIVITY ALONG THE U.S. COAST,
INVOLVING NON-ENDANGERED SPECIES, IS OF LIMITED IMPORTANCE..
THEREFORE, THE ASSIGNING OF QUOTAS SHOULD RESOLVE
ITSELF IN A PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN ITALY'S CASE LESS
THAN THOSE OF OTHER ICNAF WHO ARE GREATER
BENEFICIEARIES (OF THIS FISHING ACTIVITY).

"IN FACT, THE ITALIAN SIDE HOLDS THAT ANY PERCENTAGE
REDUCTION OF FISHING APPLICABLE UNIFORMLY TO ALL ICNAF
MEMBERS, WOULD RENDER UNECONOMICAL ANY FISHING ACTIVITY
BY OUR FLEET (IN THESE ZONES).

"BEARING THE FOREGOING IN MIND, THE COMPETENT ITALIAN
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AUTHORITIES, IN LETTING IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY LOOK
WITH FAVOR ON ANY INITIATIVE TOWARDS AN IN-DEPTH
EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEMS AT HAND, WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
THE EMBASSY WOULD INFORM ITS GOVERNMENT OF THE DESIRE
OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE NEXT ICNAF MEETINGS
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ITALIAN INTERESTS
EXPRESSED ABOVE."

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BARADA WILL HEAD
ITALIAN DELEGATION AND WILL BE ASSISTED BY ROMUALDO
BETTINI FROM THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. VOLPE

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